



Administration Message

Dear Fellow Residents:

Time flies when you have a street program except when you are waiting for something to happen on your street. Our 2014 Street Program is still in progress but getting near the final phase as you read this. The Electric Aggregation cut over to Integrys is complete and the new rate should be reflected on your October electric bills. Should the Village sell the Heritage Center will be an advisory question on the November ballot. Do you need to renew your driver's license in the next 12 months? You will be able to do so conveniently in town on December 11, 2014 at a Super Seniors Mobile Event sponsored by the Village in conjunction with our friends at the Wilshire Green Association. Your VBT has decided that Smoke Signals will be published quarterly, except for necessary special editions during this fiscal year. For more details, keep reading.

Street Program

Our 2014 street program is in full swing but finally nearing the final phase. There are streets that are still under construction so to speak as I write this. Once completed, the engineers and the contractor will work on addressing the "punch list" items. Driveway repairs and landscape work are among the items and crack sealing for the streets specified on the "all streets plan". The unfortunate delay with our road bond (see the last issue about that) and the rainy weather in late summer caused the work to fall behind schedule. Some of the delay was also attributable to contingencies and delay caused by water main replacement work. However, I expect that the contract work will be finished by early November.

It is no surprise that residents in areas of town – Ashbrook, Acacia, Howard Avenue and New Town – have asked or requested that their streets be paved when they saw the work going on around their neighborhoods. If the funds were or become available, the Village Board will address these requests. Right now we have no choice but to stick with the \$2.5 million road bond and the work provided for in the "all streets plan" (see our Street program page on our website). We hear your requests and are currently working on meeting them. I hope to have more definite information for you in the next edition.

Electric Aggregation

We all know that the Village residents voted for an electric aggregation program in November 2013. Thereafter, the Village, through competitive bidding, agreed to a one year contract with Constellation Energy at a rate of 4.9 cents/kWh. That contract expired in May but was extended to September while the Village again went out for bid for a new contract. At the July VBT meeting a 3-year agreement was approved with

Integrys Energy Services at a rate of 7.1 cents/kWh. This rate is guaranteed for 3 years. Although this new agreement does not allow the Village to cancel the aggregation at any time during the contract term, individual residents may terminate their participation without penalty or termination fee at any time. However, note that a resident who exercises their right to terminate participation in the Village's aggregation program will be returned to ComEd for their electricity and must remain with them for 12 months before being allowed to change energy suppliers again or re-join the Village aggregation program. ComEd sent letters to our residents in the aggregation program in late August and the actual cut over to Integrys took place as of the meter read date about September 9th. Because we pay for our energy use in arrears, your September use at the new 7.1 cents rate should have been reflected on the electric bill you received in October. As this newsletter goes to print, we are not aware of any billing problems.

Heritage Center advisory referendum

Over the last few years, I and Village Trustees have more frequently heard the urging from residents to sell the Heritage Center. Let's face it. There are people in town who love the Heritage Center and value it as an important part of our community and there are those how do not like it and deem it a drain on village resources. Then there are those who likely do not care one way or the other. In order to provide our residents with an opportunity to voice their input about the Heritage Center and its future in IHP, I requested and the VBT approved a non-binding advisory referendum be placed on the November ballot to determine the feelings of our residents with respect to whether we should sell the Heritage Center or not. In connection with the advisory ballot question, we will have a town hall meeting on October 30th at the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. to provide more information about this matter. The information will also be posted on our website at that time. More about the town hall meeting is set forth elsewhere in this Smoke Signals. We hope to see you there!

Super Senior Mobile Unit Event

The Village of Indian Head Park along with the Wilshire Green Association is sponsoring a Super Seniors Mobile Unit Event provided by the Illinois Secretary of State's Department of Motor Vehicles. This will take place on December 11, 2014 and will give residents and the public an opportunity to renew their driver's licenses or obtain a State issued ID card right here in town at the Wilshire Green clubhouse. I want to personally thank resident Ed Lloyd for working with me on this and the other Wilshire Green Board members for their

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enthusiastic support of this event. Seniors who wish some "coaching" and a review of the Rules of the Road should attend the morning session for this purpose beginning at 9:30 a.m. that day. More on this is written elsewhere in this Smoke Signals! Please read the announcement about this event elsewhere in this issue!

Quarterly Smoke Signals

The VBT, in approving a budget for this fiscal year, voted to include funding only for quarterly issues of the Smoke Signals. At the August VBT meeting, I requested and the majority of the VBT approved an additional \$5000 amendment to the Budget to allow for up to four more issues of the Smoke Signals, when necessary. We will try to make more use of the internet and web page but I am very aware that this does not help our senior residents who have no computer or seldom check the internet or e-mail. That is why I worked with the VBT to put additional funds to paper copy for the present in the budget. Inasmuch as this issue announces a special town hall meeting regarding

the Heritage Center, the plan is to publish another issue before the end of the year holidays. Residents are invited to check the Village web page and in particular the Street Program page and my Village Desk page for information. As important matters come up we will strive to get this information posted on our website as soon as possible.

Finally, I want to let you know that Trustee Wittenberg, Administrator Brooks and myself are working together to enhance Economic Development in our community. Also, Trustee Hinshaw is reviewing a cell phone tower agreement and working with the cell tower operator to increase revenue to the Village in exchange for extending the lease agreement.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their support of the VBT and me over this past year and for everyone's patience and understanding in connection with any inconvenience caused by the Street program. I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving! We have a lot to be thankful for in our Village for the good things that have happened this past year!

Respectfully, Richard S. Andrews, mayor

Townhall Meeting

Heritage Center Advisory Referendum

The village will host a townhall meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall to discuss and provide information concerning the Heritage Center Advisory Referendum. The VBT voted in August 2014 to place a non-binding advisory referendum on the ballot concerning the question:

"Shall the Village of Indian Head Park sell the Heritage Center?" Yes or No

The question is intended to allow residents to voice their opinion through the ballot concerning whether the Village should keep and continue to maintain the Heritage Center or the sell the property and use the funds to address Village needs elsewhere. Information concerning questions relative to the purchase of the Heritage Center and on-going costs will be provided at that meeting and placed on our website as well.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees: 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, October 30, 2014 –
Special Board Townhall Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2014 –
Regular Meeting

Planning and Zoning Commission, Fire and Police Commission, and E-911 Board:

No meeting scheduled at this time.

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at
201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

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Heritage Center Library Annual Book Sale

Please don't miss the Heritage Center Library Annual Book Sale on Saturday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. It's time to stock up on some great books for your reading enjoyment! Hundreds of books will be for sale including hardcover and paperbacks, in both adult and children's books. The library is located at 6250 S. Wolf Road. We hope to see you there!



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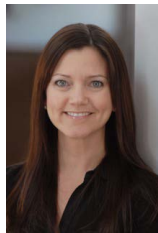
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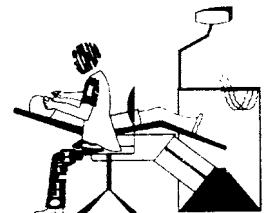
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Super Senior Mobile Unit Event

Attention Residents!

The Village of Indian Head Park in conjunction with the Wilshire Green Association is sponsoring a Secretary of State Senior Mobile Event on Thursday December 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Wilshire Green Clubhouse located at 115 Acacia Drive in Indian Head Park. The following services will be provided that day:

- Renewal /correction of drivers license.
- New/renewal/correction of state I.D.
- License plate stickers.
- Motor voter registration with renewal of D.L./I.D.
- Organ donor registration with renewal D.L./I.D.
- Seniors age 65 and up (no charge for state I.D.)
- Seniors age 75 and up need to visit DMV to renew drivers license.
- Proper identification will be needed for the above services.

In addition to the above, Seniors are welcome to attend a review of the Rules of the Road presented by the Department of Motor Vehicles beginning at 9:30 a.m. that day and lasting about 1.5 hours. This will prepare you for taking the written test for your driver's license renewal if required.

Finally, this convenient event for our residents is also open to the general public!

Alarm Systems/Code Red

Residents with residential alarms (automatic & signaling devices) pursuant to IHP Ordinance 98-15, which was later amended as Part B of Section 8.09.140 of the Village Municipal Code, requires homeowners to pay a one-time "Application for Permit Fee" which costs \$175.00. Checks may be paid at the Village Hall. Each alarm activation in excess of three activations during any (12) month period beginning January 1st shall reflect a service charge of \$100.00 per false alarm thereafter. After the seventh activation, the fee rises to \$200.00 each. The primary intent of the Ordinance service charge for false activations is to provide an inducement to alarm users to provide alarm reliability so as to help reduce false alarms for public safety.

If you have not done so already, you may sign up and create an account for CODE RED Notification. Code Red is a notification system from Emergency Communication Network from Southwest Central Dispatch (SWCD). SWCD is the communication system we utilize for making notification in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, missing children alerts and crime alerts etc.

Recently, the Village has used Code Red notices to alert our residents to burglaries/scams of our residents and to alert citizens concerning planned water outages. Code Red can be likened to a "reverse 9-1-1". There are many uses for this service. Depending on the subject, there can be a charge to the Village for using Code Red so it will be used judiciously.

Respectfully, Chief John Brooks

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